

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for routing a service request in a telecommunication system towards a destination user, the method comprising the steps of:

a) storing a collection of identifiers related to a first identifier assigned to said user;

b) receiving a service request that comprises said first identifier;

c) obtaining a plurality of identifiers among said collection of identifiers, the identifiers all equally usable for routing said service request;

d) selecting a second identifier among said plurality of identifiers; and

e) routing said service request according to said selected second identifier;

wherein

at least one identifier among said plurality of identifiers stored in step a) has a format that comprises a user-name portion and a domain-name portion, wherein the user-name portion contains said first identifier; and

in step d) said second identifier is selected having a format comprising a user-name portion and a domain-name portion, wherein said user-name portion contains said first identifier.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step c) further comprises the steps of:

c1) sending a query to a database that contains said collection of identifiers related to said first identifier, said query comprising the content of the first identifier;

c2) receiving a response to said query that comprises a plurality of identifiers among said collection of identifiers.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claims 1, wherein said first identifier is a E.164 number and said second identifier is a Uniform Resource Locator for Session Initiation Protocol.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said second identifier contains said first identifier and number portability information.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) A system for routing a service request in a telecommunication system, the system comprising:

a data base, in charge of storing a collection of identifiers related to a first identifier associated to a user; and

a serving node of said telecommunication system in charge of receiving a service request towards a destination user and further routing said service request;

said data base being arranged to receive a query comprising the content of said first identifier, and to answer said query with a plurality of identifiers among said collection of identifiers, the plurality of identifiers all equally usable for routing said service request;

said serving node being arranged for querying said data base upon reception of a service request that comprises said first identifier, and further routing said service request according to an identifier selected among said plurality of identifiers;

wherein

said serving node is further arranged for routing said service request according to a second identifier selected from among said plurality of identifiers that has a format comprising a user-name portion and a domain-name portion, wherein said user-name portion contains said first identifier.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein said first identifier is a E.164 number and said second identifier is a Uniform Resource Locator for Session Initiation Protocol.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7, wherein said wherein said second identifier contains said first identifier and number portability information.